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NEW 4-POWER PACT IN EUROPE WOULD INCLUDE GERMANY

Great Britain, France and Italy Other Parties in Reported Move.

Strong Opinion Prevails That Greater Friendship Must Be Shown Former Enemy. BY DAVID LAWRENCE.

Word has reached here through un official channels of a movement under vay in Europe to bring about a new four-power treaty, whereby Great Britain, France, Italy and Germany should agree to guarantee one another's territory against "unprovoked aggression" by any other power.

This plan, which, curiously enough. owes its inspiration to French diplomacy, seeks a way to remove the bugber of a possible invasion by Ger- Feels Confident of Final Acrainy, which has been held forth as justification for the continued existence of large standing armies on the continent of Europe. Broadly speakit, the French liberals who are back of the plan believe the time has come to bring Germany into a combination with the other powers which will tranquillize Europe and aid its economic recuperation.

To Brighten Reparation Burden.

In one sense, the plan recognizes the unwisdom of the enforcement clauses of the Versailles treaty with its recurring penalties of occupation of

Mr. Harding has informally indicated that before long the European powers would have to include Gern the conferences which have been be full and free.

reparations.

In the conferences which have been going on in London, the French viewpoint has been that until Great Britain gave France explicit guarantees that she would come to the aid of France in the event of an attack by Germany, there could be no curtailment of French land armament or concessions to Germany. The British have declared that the withdrawal of French troops from the Rhine country would help to assure peace in Europe.

The French having failed to get a three-power pact with Great Britain and the United States guaranteeing France against unprovoked aggression, the alternative is to obtain such a guarantee for France by coupling it up with a German guarantee, too.

No Opposition Expected.

French liberals who favor the plan see no reason why their own government should object to it since to received.

see no reason why their own government should object to it, since to refuse to give a pledge that would guarwould, of course, be willing to guar-antee that she will not attack Ger-many and the latter would be bound antee that she will not attack Germany and the latter would be bound to keep the peace, for automatically she would incur the hostility of Italy France and Great Britain if she attempted unprovoked aggression. It is, indeed, an attempt to produce a status such as might have prevented the outbreak of war in 1914, for it is still being said that Germany would never have gone to war if she had been sure that England would help France and Belgium. Incidentally, the mutual guarantees would include Belgium, and assure her of neutrality and independence, if the plan is finally and independence, if the plan is finally and independence. and independence, if the plan is final-

ly approved.

Official Washington is keenly interested in the conversations going on in Europe with reference to the new four-power pact, and it is expected that after the supreme council meets in Cannes some definite idea of this scheme or an alternative having the same object will be disclosed. (Copyright, 1921.)

SENTENCED TO DEATH.

CHICAGO, December 2.-Harvey Church, charged with the murder of two automobile salesmen, was found

plate weighs from sixty to seventy-five tons, and varies in thickness from five to twelve inches. It was puychased from the Bethiehem and Midvale plants, and from the Navy ordnance armor plant at Charleston, W. Va.

In connection with the problem facing the Brooklyn navy yard, it is pointed out that some 70,000 tons of armor plate have been contracted for to complete the seven big war vessels now under construction. These ships are the West Virginia and Iowa, building at Newport News. Va.; the South Dakota and the Indiana, at Brooklyn; the Montana, at Mare Island, San Francisco; the North Carolina, Norfolk, Va., and the Massachusetts, at the Fore River yard. Quincy, Mass.

WAR DANGERS REMOVED, SAYS JAPANESE PREMIER

Baron Takahashi Sees All Chances of Conflict Gone in Four-Power Pact-Declares it Stronger Than Anglo-Japanese Treaty.

PARIS, December 23.-Premier Baron Takahashi of Japan is quoted by the Tokio correspondent of the newspaper Excelsior as declaring: "The quadruple entente, which for UNPROVOKED AGGRESSION Japan replaces the Anglo-Japanese

alliance, is much wider in bearing and removes all chances of war.

"I venture to say," he continued, "that the Washington conference has opened a new epoch in the Pacific and the world. I not only believe that the entente will result in making the Japanese people happier, because it will lighten their burdens, but, further, that, by reason of the guarantee we obtain, the position and removes seeking to bring about her unification.

Baron Takakashi characterized the report that Japan had designs on the French Indo-China as "an absurd fable which had no foundation in the past, and will not have in the future." If there was any discussion in Japan about Indo-China, it was because Japan had not been given favored-nation teatment there. He hoped that a commercial agreement on this subject would strengthen the good relations between Japan and France. GUARANTEE IS AIMED AT and removes all chances of war.
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of Japas is strengthened in the far

east."
In regard to China, the premier was quoted as saying:
"China is in an advanced stage of decomposition. It will be an unpleasant situation for Japan, and a misfortune for China, if, as the result of her anarchy, she does not co-operate with the friendly powers seeking to bring

RATIO, BUT MAINTAINS

STAND ON SUBMARINES

PARIS, December 23.-Premier

Briand has sent Ambassador Jus-

serand in Washington a final and

definite acceptance of the capital

ship ratio. France, however, it is

santed, maintains her position re-garding submarines and coast de-fense ships, although she is will-ing to negotiate.

France insists that her demands

are vitally necessary to her secur-ity, it is indicated, but is disposed

to the epoch-making conference.

essayists shall not receive aid in the

actual writing of their compositions

principal governing The Star's offer.

faith, will be required to secure the

signatures of their teachers to their

Eighty-Eight Cash Prizes.

forty-four prizes, amounting to \$500,

Amounts of Prizes.

be \$50, making a total of \$100 in second prizes.

There will be two prizes of \$25 each

There will be two prizes of \$25 each in each class for essayists whose compositions are adjudged third best. Therefore, a total of \$100 will be awarded as third prizes.

The fourth group will consist of five prizes of \$15 each for each class, making a total of ten fourth prizes, or a total of \$150.

There will be twenty prizes of \$10 each awarded as fifth prizes, or ten prizes for each class, making a total of \$200.

Fifty prizes of \$5 each will be

Fifty prizes of \$5 each will be awarded as sixth prizes, twenty-five prizes in each class, making a total

SHIP IN DISTRESS AT SEA.

will be awarded in each group.

formation obtainable.

classroom.

announced.

TREATY APPROVAL FRANCE ACCEPTS SHIP

ceptance of Pact by Senate.

BY N. O. MESSENGER.

President Harding is reported as be ng perfectly easy in his own mind over the eventual ratification of the four-power Pacific treaty by the United States Senate, and as not disturbed over the pending flurry as to the application of the treaty to the homeland of Japan. In other official and in diplomatic

German territory in the event of Ger- quarters the disposition is said to be man failure to pay indemnities. The to regard the current interest as idea now is to obtain some unanimity largely a tempest in a teapot, al of opinion among the larger powers though there were rumors today that Leisure Moments Can Be allotment of auxiliary craft, includof opinion among the larger powers of Europe so that the reparation burden may be more equitably adjusted and so that Germany herself will adopt a new spirit toward her obligations under the Versailles pact.

The United States government will, of course, not be a party to such a new treaty in Europe, as it is the viewpoint of the Harding administration that guarantees against aggression on the continent of Europe are strictly European matters. On the other hand, the American government would lend its moral support to any movement which accomplished peace in Europe. The suggestion of a four-power pact, including Germany, was first discussed informally when Premier Eriand was in Washington.

Must Include Germany.

Mr. Harding has informally indi-

Expect Free Senate Debate.

In administration circles the view many in their discussions of Euro- is said to be that all this can be readmany sat down at the same table the treaty comes up for consideration with France and Great Britain there in the Senate. It is not contemplated

See Successful Rebuttal.

The supporters of the treaty expect antee Germany against attack by to be able to successfully refute all France might imply an ultimate in- contentions that the four-power pact tention to do so on the part of the constitutes an alliance of nations, in-French imperialists. Great Britain cluding the United States, offensive

espouse in debate and argument the cause of the treaty when it comes up for ratification.

The drift of editorial opinion in some of the most influential journals of the country is steadily in favor of ratification of the treaty. This support is expected to have weight, as reflective of the thought of the nation.

LADY LEE HAS INFLUENZA.

Will be awarded in each group.

In one group the contestants will be limited to students of the senior high schools and the ninth grade of the junior high schools, and students in private and parochial schools between the age of the punior high schools and similar grades of the elementary schools, and students in the private and parochial schools between the age of twelve and students in the private and parochial schools between the age of twelve and fourteen, inclusive.

Cancels All Social Engagements

Lady Lee of Fareham, wife of the first prize in each class will be \$100, making a total of \$200 in first lord of the British admiralty, ne of Britain's delegates to the armafirst lord of the British admiralty, guilty this morning and sentenced to death. Church killed Carl Asmus and Bernard Daugherty, when they delivered a car which he had arranged to buy.

OFFICIALS PUZZLED OVER DISPOSING OF 15,000 TONS OF ARMOR PLATE

By the Associated Press. NEW YORK, December 23 .-What to do with some 15,000 tons of steel armor plate, purchased at a cost of \$7,500,000 and now stacked in the Brooklyn navy yard, is the problem facing officials of the plant in view of the expected deeision of the Navy Department to crap several war vessels in accordance with the terms of the armament conference treaty.

This huge amount of steel, said to be worth \$500 a ton, was ordered for the two 43,000-ton dreadnaughts South Dakota and Indiana. which are about one-third completed. Each piece of

HALIFAX, N. S. December 22 .- The American steamship New England, American steamship New England, from Brest for New York, in distress, thirty miles southeast of Halifax, was found by the Canadian government steamship Lady Laurier this afternoon, drifting eastward in a heavy sea, with her fuel oil supply exhausted. A radio message said the Lady Laurier was standing by and would bring the disabled ship to port when the weather moderated.

HIGH HOPES HELD FOR SETTLEMENT OF NAVY PROBLEM

European Issue as Difficult of Solution as Pacific Ship Situation.

FUTURE PARLEY ASKED BY ITALIAN DELEGATES

Argue Smaller Nations May Exceed Tonnage if Limit Is Placed at This Time.

BY G. GOULD LINCOLN. The European naval problem is proving as "difficult" as was the naval problem of the Pacific. In fact, it was declared today by a spokesman for the Italian delegation prior to the meeting of the committee on limitaion of armament of the Washingon conference, at 3 p.m., that the "most interesting point of the conference had been reached."

It will be recalled, however, that the so-called naval problem of the Pacific was settled satisfactorily to all parties at the conference. There is a feeling of optimism today that the conference will be able to deal satisfactorily also with the European sit-

Two Courses Open.

As the delegates of the five powers taking part in the discussion of the limitation of armaments assembled in the Pan-American building, two courses were open for the conference meeting this afternoon. Either consideration of Great Britain's proposal for the total abolition of the submarine, which was discussed yesterday, would proceed, or the French proposals with regard to the tonnage

Italians Propose Conference.

The Italian delegation, it was learned with France and Great Britain there would be no assurance of a settlement of pending problems, especially ment of pending problems, especially and free.

No essays snould be written that a conference of after the close of the Christmas holidays. By that time the rules for the powers be called in the future to contest, together with the personnel consider questions relating to submarines and other naval matters.

The Italians have pointed out that if the submarine tonnage of the na-While awaiting announcement of tions taking part in the present con- it the rules, it is emphasized that the ference is limited, they may wake up some day to find that other nations, not now considered important from a In fact, this will be the cardinal naval point of view, have exceeded them in submarine tonnage. The essayists, as a matter of good

For instance, it is estimated that 50,000 tons of submarines can be constructed at present for \$50,000,000not a great sum when it comes to naval construction.

signatures of their teachers to their compositions certifying that they have closely adhered to this specification. The contestants are urged, however, to gather all data possible relating to the conference preparatory to writing their essays. The newspapers, school officials have pointed out, are the best source of in-It may be stated definitely that the arguments for the abolition of the submarines presented to the conference committee yesterday by Lord Lee on behalf of the British have not alformation obtainable.

Superintendent of schools Frank W.
Ballou has described the press reports of the conference as "not only complete, but remarkable." He has called attention of the teachers and tered the position of the Italian delegation in favor of submarines as a naval weapon. They believe that the submarine is valuable for coast defense and also for scouting purposes, and their experts will maintain this children to the summary of the con-

daily in The Star as a valuable medium for obtaining information for a discussion of the parley events in the United States Yet to Answer. It is believed that the French position also has not been changed by the arguments of the British As previously announced, eightyspokesman, although Admiral de Bon eight cash prizes, aggregating \$1,000 has recommended that a complete will be awarded winners of the con- and more technical answer be pretest. According to tentative plans, the sented by the French naval experts, contestants will be divided into two in view of the very interesting pres-

separate and distinct groups, and entation by Lord Lee. The American delegation, it was make, having taken the matter unnaval experts, and the advisory committee, whose report on submarines was read to the committee meeting yesterday by Secretary Hughes.

Final Instructions Awaited.

At French headquarters it was said this afternoon that so far only partial instructions from Paris had been re-(Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)

Today's News In Brief

Irish treaty delay held as equivalent to referendum. Page 1 Oyster approves twenty-foot spaces at corners for loading machines.

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BODY OF CHILD FOUND

Lord Reading rejects Moplah demands in India. Page 2 Episcopalians report reduction number of pulpit recruits. Page Committee supporting arms limitation proposes economic parley.

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ber 23.—The mutilated body of Tessie

Railroads voluntarily reduce rates on freights for six months as an experiment.

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According to the police, the little

SEEKS TO ENJOIN RENT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1921-THIRTY-TWO PAGES.

Landlord Charges Unconstitutionality and Exceeded Authority.

Leisure Moments Can Be allotment of auxiliary craft, including submarines, would be given the right of way.

In some quarters the opinion was expressed that if the French were ready to proceed with their proposals.

With the inception today of the annual Christmas holidays for District school children, contestants in The Evening Star's prize essay contest on the subject, "The Arms Conference and Its Significance," will have many leisure moments before January 3, when the schools reopen, to devote to an intensive study of the conference and that other nations will be adopted at the present conference and that other nations will be adopted at the present conference and the subscribe to these proceedings. Consequently, the home study of the parley developments for the next ten days, coupled with that in school during the last month, is expected to thoroughly familiarize and the children with all the problems which have confronted the deseates to the epoch-making conference.

Italians Propose Conference.

George R. Linkins, owner of preming sead of the prepart to street northeast, and 219 T is street northeast, today asked the District Supreme Court for an injunction to prevent A. Léftwich Sinclair, Clara of the conference of the conference of the conference of the conference.

That a strict code of international rules governing the use of submarines will be adopted at the present conference and that other nations there would be every disposition to prevent A. Léftwich Sinclair, Clara of Taylor and William F. Gude from at tempting to act as a rent commission of the District Supreme Court for an injunction to prevent A. Léftwich Sinclair, Clara of the comference of submarines and of the prevent A. Léftwich Sinclair, Clara of the comference of submarines and of the prevent A. Léftwich Sinclair, Clara of the comference of submarities and the conference of submarities and the prevent of the conference of submarines and other that the prevent as to the tonnage of auxillary craft, take advantage of the committee of the c

24 last, failed to provide for the continuance of a commission and did not set any term of office for such com-

Appointment by the President did By the Associated Press. not cure this defect, he asserts. The amending act is also attacked as unamending act is also attacked as un-constitutional because it exempts business property from its provision and thereby becomes class legislation, it is claimed. When the continuing act was passed there did not exist any emergency such as made necessary the original act, the plantiff declares.

Claims Authority Exceeded.

The claim is also made that the commission even under the original act has no authority to interfere with contractural relations between landlords and tenants where no complaint has been made either by the landlord or the tenant. If they have such authority, it is asserted, the rent commission in this case has not complied with section 117 requiring the commission to ask the owner for plats and data before beginning any vestigation as to the fairness of

Attorney R. A. Ford and C. C. Aller appear for the plaintiff.

CHEERING THRONGS GREET GEN. DIAZ ON RETURN

ly the Associated Press. NAPLES, December 23 .- Gen. Armando Diaz, commander of the Italian armies in the world war, arrived today on the steamship Giuseppe Verdi from the United States, where he spent two months as guest of the American Lesaid today, still have their answer to gion. He was enthusiastically received at the pier by civil, military der advisement. But it is believed and communal authorities, and by that the Americans will oppose the abolition of the submarine also, in accordance with the views of their ship Utah, now in the harbor. A crowd, many members of which car-ried banners of welcome, greeted the general with salvos of cheers. His automobile trip to his hotel was turned into a triumphal procession the streets being lined with cheering throngs. He was again acclaimed at the railway station when he left for

> The general expressed the warmest The general expressed the warmest admiration of the Americans and their country and his appreciation of the wonderful welcome he received there. During his stay in the United States he delivered 110 addresses. He suffered a sprained finger from the cordiality of his handshakes with 700 people at his reception at the Italian embassy in Washington.

PACKED IN SUIT CASE

President signs bill appropriating Kucharski, five years old, who had \$20,000,000 for Russian famine relief.

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Ber 23.—The mutitated body of resident Sucharski, five years old, who had been missing from her home at the lief. Report of soviet in Mexico is denied. Page 4 Bellmore Hotel, operated by her mother, was found packed today in

freights for six months as an experiment.

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Col. Haskell declares Russians will soon be starving by hundreds of thousands.

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Kiwanis Santa Claus visits 3,000 children.

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E. C. Brandenburg pleads for vote for D. C. before Washington real board.

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England stands alone for ban on submarines.

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Abany.

According to the police, the little girl was seen to enter the Hotel Albany at 6 o'clock last night with George Garris, forty-five years old. a carpenter, who lives there. He said Tessie was his granddaughter. He left an hour later, alone. The police were seeking him today.

The girl's father is under indictment in connection with an attack upon a girl, the police said. He has not been seen here for some time.

COUNT SZECHENYI MAY BE HUNGARIAN MINISTER Husband of Gladys M. Vanderbild

Would Be Acceptable to the United States. Hungary is preparing to name Count Laszlo Szechenyi, who in 1908

narried Gladys M. Vanderbilt of New York, as its new minister to Washngton. Count Szechenyi's name was submitted for the approval of the Ameri

can government some time ago, and it is understood his appointment will in every way be acceptable. Hungary has not been represented officially in Washington since the en-trance of the United States into the

s. Taylor and William F. Gude from attempting to act as a rent commission of the District of Columbia and from proceeding with a threatened hearing, on their own initiative, concerning the fairness of the rentals in these two apartments.

The hearing is scheduled for next Tuesday, and Justice Bailey directed counsel for the plaintiff to serve noticed in the count had decided the place.

Transe of the United States into the world war, and the projected resumption of diplomatic relations followed the exchange of treaty ratification between this country and Hungary at Budapest several days ago.

Press dispatches from Budapest late in October said Count Szechenyi would be designated as minister to Washington, but it was reported several days later that the count had decided the place.

BANDIT IS SHOT DEAD IN KIDNAPING EPISODE

Callahan and Others Rescued in Auto in Chicago.

CHICAGO, December 23 .- Victims of the bandit who robbed several pasor to identify Claude Thomas, thirtythree, of Seattle, who was captured last night after his companion, Carl Gilbert, thirty, of Omaha, had been killed by a policeman.

Thomas and Gilbert had kidnaped Mrs. James J. Callahan, wife of the former manager of the Chicago American League base ball team; her American League base ball team; her daughter Margaret, seventeen, and George Hardin, her brother, just after they had stepped into an automobile in front of their home on the South Side.

Policeman William McNaughton, leaning from the running board of a pursuing car commandeered by Mr. pursuing car commandeered by Mr. Callahan, killed Gilbert and forced

Callahan car was wrecked by the robbers in attempting to turn sharply. Timmons confessed to the police today that he and his partner had participated in several holdups, including a Utah train robbery last captured robber also was

nown as Claude Thomas and his known as Chaude sometimes dead companion was sometimes known as Carl Gilbert, according to the police. Following the confesting custody Miss the police. Following the confes-sion, police took into custody Miss Mary Roberts, twenty-three, who is said to have been an intimate acquaintance of the dead robber.

THREE BURNED TO DEATH. WAYCROSS, Ga., December 23 .-Three negroes were burned to death when a negro hotel burned here this morning. Origin of the blaze is un-

OYSTER APPROVES **NO-PARKING AREAS**

Indorses Plan for 20-Foot Spaces at Corners for Loading Machines.

Commissioner Oyster, who supervises traffic problems, today voiced approval of the plan to lay off twenty-foot spaces at all corners in the congested section to be kept free at all times for machines to load or unload passengers or merchandise.

This plan was one of the principal ecommendations of the citizens' committee appointed by the Commission-

would not be permitted. In blocks of more than 200 feet in length an adto whose nature a compromise is enkept open halfway between corners, the committee reported.

"That has been my idea for some time," said Capt. Oyster, "and I am named Irish observer as declaring night flier Tuesday night today called at the police station in an endeavers are too busy at the Capitol to retire in bitter disillusionment from consider the parking question, but as any participation whatever in the soon as time permits, we intend to agreement and may become Sinn digest carefully the findings of the Fein within the Sinn Fein. The dair committee and make whatever ciraenn may convince them that the changes in the regulations seem best. treaty was accepted under duress. "If, after a fair trial, the changes should prove unwise, I am sure the Commissioners will reconsider the lican movement. The correspondent

question. Quotes Merchants.

Commissioner Rudolph said he had not had an opportunity, because of hearings at the Capitol, to study the report. He said, however, that he had heard objection voiced by some the adjournment motion. A reference merchants to the proposal to prohibit parking in front of churches. theaters and clubs and at the same time allow parking in front of busi-ness establishments.

EXPECTS DEBS' RELEASE.

Brother of Imprisoned Socialist Visits Atlanta Penitentiary.

ATLANTA, December 23 .- Theodore Debs of Terre Haute, Ind., brother of the socialist leader, reached Atlanta last night and planned to go out to the penitentiary this afternoon, he said. There was no definite assurance that his brother would be released today. Mr. Debs said, but indications pointed to such action.

pointed to such action.

pointed to such action.

pointed to such action.
It was reiterated at the penitentiary, however, that no word had come regarding a release for Debs.

How Hoover Gets Men

High-salaried business experts accept small government salaries in order to help put across the Department of Commerce's plans for making and keeping America prosperous.

Lloyd George and Ireland—A timely number of Philip Kerr's remarkable series of articles on the British premier.

The Senate and the Arms Conference—A discussion of probabilities and possibilities, by N. O. Messenger.

Bunn's Review of the Week, Kuhn's comments on European affairs, McKelway's Latin American article and other timely features.

> Next Sunday in the Editorial Section of The Sunday Star

IRISH PEACE DELAY HELD EQUIVALENT TO REFERENDUM

Supporters Claim People Will **Bring Tremendous Pressure** for Dail Ratification.

FLOOD OF TELEGRAMS IS REACHING DUBLIN

Regret Expressed for Political Prisoners-De Valera Claimed to Be Losing Prestige.

By the Associated Press.
LONDON, December 23.—The dail eireann's adjournment of further debate on the Irish peace treaty until January 2, although coming as a surprise here, was considered as favorable to the chances for ratification By agreement between the contending factions, the dail members will deliver no speeches touching on the treaty during the period of adjournment nor participate in public meetings at which the treaty is discussed, but it is believed the Irish people will get together and agitate for ratification.

fication.

Various agriculural and business associations and civic bodies in Ireland are said to be planning meetings to pass resolutions favoring the treaty, and, although it is recognized that there will be some, declarations against acceptance, it is believed the large majority will support the stand of Arthur Griffith, Michael Collins and other treaty advocates. The adjournment period will thus be nearly equivalent to a popular referendum. The English newspaper correspondents in Dublin emphasized the importance of the speech of Richard Mulcahy, chief of staff of the Irish Republican Army, in the dail yesterday, in which he advocated acceptance of the treaty. They thought that his support, together with that of such fighting men as Michael Collins and J. J. McKeown, assured the adhesion of the Republican Army throughout the country.

See De Valera Losing Prestige.

Some of the correspondents also dwelt upon what they consider Eamonn De Valiera's loss of prestige, as indicated by the vote for adjournment, which he opposed. De Valera's statement that, when he assumed the

mittee appointed by the Commissioners to study the parking problem and devise some means of meeting the protest of merchants, who complained that parking of automobiles for long periods on main thoroughfares interfered with business.

Spaces to Be Kept Open.

The committee recommended that on all streets where parking is permitted a twenty-foot space be marked off at each corner, where parking would not be permitted. In blocks of the treaty and the committee that when he assumed the republican presidency, he did not regard his oath as fettering his actions, was regarded as considerably damaging his influence.

Meehwhile there has been some speculation as to how far a real settlement of the Irish trouble would be effected by ratification of the Westminster Gazette, while hoping and believing that it will be ratified, says in that case the Sinn Fein would still have to be reckoned with. Emphasizing that the Sinn Fein is not satisfied with the treaty, he says it is difficult for the English people to appreciate the earnestness.

Big Sinn Fein Split Possible. The correspondent quotes an un

notices so little enthusiasm herethe people are making the best of a bad job." According to a dispatch to the press association from Dublin extraordinary scenes occurred in the dail eireann over by Arthur Griffith to the length of Mary MacSwiney's speech brought Miss Mac-Swiney to her feet with a tearful re-mark. "For seventy-four days I sat through Brixton (meaning Brixton prison), and I think I have a right to speak for the honor of my nation."

adds: "Perhaps this is why one

Collins Resents Charge.

Another incident occurred when the Countess Markiewicz referred to Michael Collins as having faced Premier Lloyd George night after night until Mr. Collins was worn out and weary. To this, according to the press association, Mr. Collins reiterated:

"I never was worn out and weary."

"Well, he admitted that he was somewhat befogged," retorted the countess,

what befogged." retorted the countess.
"I did not." shouted Mr. Collins at the

De Valera Rebuffed at Home,

The Pall Mall Gazette and Globe, in its comment, says that since Mr. De Valera opposed the adjournment, "we may perhaps assume that the vote of Valera opposed the adjournment, "we may perhaps assume that the vote of 17 to 44 with which it was carried is a rough index of the ratio of strength between himself and his opponents."

Thero is still time for some ingenous appeal to sentiment or prejudice to upset the balance of forces, but with that reservation, opinion in Ireland seems to regard the delay as favorable to the agreement going through." The newspaper believes the members of the dail will find their constituents predominantly against the extremists policy, and declares it is rather significant that the county council of Clare, Mr. De Valera's constituency, voted for the treaty. "Apart from its being represented by De Valera himself," it says, "County Clare has a most sinister reputation for murder throughout Ireland."

WORRIED OVER PRISONERS

Adjournment Means Still Further Delay in Their Release. By the Associated Press.

DUBLIN, December 23 .- The decis-

ion of the dail eireann, 77 to 44, to adjourn until January 3, was commented upon by all the Dublin newspapers today as favorable to the chances of the Anglo-Irish treaty's ratification. A note of regret is struck by the commentators, however, over the fact that the adjournment postpones the prospect of the ever, over the fact that the adjourn-ment postpones the prospect of the release of the convicted political prisoners, which is expected to fol-low ratification of the treaty. Telegrams to members of the dail eireann, which has taken a recess until January 3 from consideration (Continued on Page 2, Column 6.)